



NEWS FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

I am once again horrified and sickened by yet another massacre at an American school. I am praying for the victims and their families. Parents and students should never have to endure such awful tragedies. And yet, they keep happening. This cannot continue—we need common sense laws to reduce gun violence. It's the least we can do for all of the victims and their grieving families, friends, and communities.

Yesterday, I spoke out on the House floor about the Republican leadership's inaction on gun violence prevention. You can watch my speech [here](#). You can also view news and updates from Gun Violence Prevention Task Force [here](#).

Standing against House Republicans' efforts to undermine the ADA

I voted 'no' on H.R. 620. The Americans with Disabilities Act protects millions of people from discrimination. It is disturbing that Speaker Ryan continues to use his majority to attack the civil rights of people with disabilities after spending half of last year trying to undermine their health care. H.R.620, if passed by the Senate, would place the burden of complying with the Americans with Disability Act on the victims of discrimination rather than the entities that are in violation of the law. I will continue to stand with hundreds of disability rights organizations against these misguided policies.

Highlighting the important work of the New Hampshire Sea Grant program, which just received a \$218,000 grant from the Department of Commerce

The New Hampshire Sea Grant Program provides essential guidance and research to our local marine-based businesses and stakeholders. I was pleased to announce that the Department of Commerce will continue to support this fantastic program, which is doing important work to promote the sustainable development of our coastal economy. I thank Dr. Erik Chapman and his entire team for their dedication to this important goal and for their ongoing work on behalf of our fisheries, aquaculture businesses, and our beautiful Seacoast environment. I will continue to oppose efforts to eliminate the Sea Grant program, which the president has proposed doing in his budget.

The New Hampshire Sea Grant program is a partnership between the University of New Hampshire and the Department of Commerce, specifically the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, that fosters the sustainable development of New Hampshire's coastal resources. A defining characteristic of the Sea Grant approach is to engage local stakeholders and to connect them with unique expertise and balanced scientific information to better inform decisions and actions that affect coastal and marine resources. Sea Grant focuses its efforts in four interconnected areas: 1) environmental literacy and workforce development, 2) healthy coastal ecosystems, 3) coastal communities and economies, and 4) sustainable fisheries and aquaculture. Recent work in New Hampshire has focused on connecting local businesses with university research in a range of topics, including aquaculture, marine biotechnology, seafood processing, and the development of marine products.

Pressuring the White House on temporary security clearances and its handling of Rob Porter's clearance

This week, I joined Reps. Gomez, Cicilline, and Krishnamoorthi in sending a letter to White House Counsel McGahn seeking information on all the instances when the FBI informed the White House that staff members were unable to obtain a full security clearance. We need to know what John Kelly knew about Rob Porter and when he knew it. People who could be blackmailed should not be handling our nation's most classified secrets.

Closing Thoughts

On Wednesday, I joined a number of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to wear red in support of the American Heart Associations' Go Red for Women campaign. This effort raises awareness of heart disease among women in order to dispel the myth that it is an older man's disease and to encourage women to know their risk and take action.



Best Wishes,

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This Week's Press Releases

- [VIDEO: Shea-Porter Blasts Republican Leadership for Inaction on Gun Violence](#)
- [Shea-Porter Stands with Disability Rights Groups Against Legislation to Undermine the Americans with Disabilities Act](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on School Shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida](#)
- [Shea-Porter, Shaheen, and Hassan Announce \\$218,000 Federal Grant for New Hampshire's Sea Grant Program](#)

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